

DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear Friends,

We recently, as you know, had a Gift Day, when everyone who was willing to donate towards the cost of the restoration of Dunlop Kirk could do so. The response was overwhelming, with around £50,000 being donated by members of Dunlop Kirk, over a few days. In addition to these donations, we have had donations from members of Caldwell Church, as well as from the wider community of Dunlop. Together with money given or promised from various Trusts, as well as from the Church of Scotland General Trustees, we now have funding amounting to about £200,000.

Our costs, however, have risen, due to more work having to be done on re-pointing the interior of one of the church walls, and to an increase in the cost of various parts of the work to be done. At the time of writing this, we are about £60,000 short of what we need to complete the restoration.

Final approval for the final phase of the work has now been given by the General Trustees and by Presbytery, and so the Board has now ordered the work to be done. It should be starting with the next few weeks, and we expect the church to be open for October.

Because of the increased costs, we may have to take a loan from the General Trustees, who have afforded us a loan facility of £60,000., although it is not the Board's hope or intention to borrow as much money as that. Donations are still coming in. We had hoped to install a good deal of audio-visual equipment, but that may have to wait. Also, we had hoped to install a new organ, costing £22,000; we may instead need to install a less expensive organ.

This has been a huge effort on the part of many people over the past four years, and we are nearly there. We look forward to being back in the church. It should look bright and comfortable when you see it – and we look forward to having all our Advent and Christmas Services in it this year, and for many years to come.

Our young people did us proud recently, when they went to Presbytery to tell members of Presbytery about the weekend our young people from Dunlop and Caldwell enjoyed at Teen Ranch, in Perthshire. Our young people excelled themselves in their presentation of the weekend to Presbytery, and members of Presbytery were impressed with them and with what they had to say.

Over the Summer, we will be having our Morning Service every Sunday at 11.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. However, on Sunday, 22nd. July, Sunday, 29th. July, and Sunday, 5th. August, we will also hold a 10 a.m. Service in the church hall. These Services will be informal, led by Les Kirk and other folk, and will include activities for younger children. They will be suitable for families and for younger children – as well as for older people.

We will be holding our Children's Holiday Club for Primary School aged children this year in the Mure Hall, Uplawmoor. This Club is for Dunlop and Uplawmoor children – and any other children who would like to come. It will run from Monday, 30th. July until Friday, 3rd. August, 10 a.m. until 12 noon each day. Please encourage children to come.

I hope you have a good Summer.

Best wishes,

David Donaldson.

Welcome Teams

July	August	September
John Kitson	Lesley Beaton	Jimmy Howie
Fred Dinning	Carolyn Blyh	Douglas Bell
Elizabeth Dinning	Mike Blyth	Marilyn Bell
Jim Mundell	Carol Fraser	John Campbell
Fiona Thomson	Netta Howie	Jess Duncan
Marilyn Young	Bill McLatchie	Isobel Kerr
Alan Young	John Symon	Andrew Pinkerton
Ann Young	Mitchell Wilson	Linda Pinkerton
		Archie Reid

Baptism:

17th. June: Isla Helen Dunlop.

Death:

5th. June: Mrs. Molly Shaw.

	Flowers	Readers
1st July	Marjorie Hamilton	Simon Gill
8th	Beverly Kirk	Jean Spence
15th	Nessie McGaw	Lynn Davidson
22nd	Isa Baird	Mike Blyth
29th	Jennifer Hunter	Alex King
5th August	Jeanette Picken	Marilyn Bell
12th	Janice McGregor	John Kitson
19th	Ann Young	Sheila Wyllie
26th	Diane Morton	Elizabeth Garrity

W.R.I.

WEDNESDAY 29th AUGUST

DEMONSTRATION ON JEWELLERY MAKING By Mrs Sheila Kerr, Prestwick

The Joan Howie Trophy

1. A Jug of Flowers from the Garden
2. A Single Flower from the Garden
3. An Arrangement in a Wine Glass
4. 5 Marigolds (any kind)

Competitions: Favourite Piece of Jewellery

Creche Rota

July 1st, 8th, 15th Ruth Wilson & Maureen Jackson
July 22nd, 29th & 5th Aug Elaine Davison & Netta Howie
Aug 12th, 19th, 26th Anne Sinclair & Diane Reid

Dunlop & District Community Company

After the Olympic Torch The Directors would like to thank everyone who helped in the café on the day of the Olympic Torch passing through Dunlop. It was a special event and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

We are looking for photographs of the torchbearer, the hall and anything of interest on the day. Our intention is to produce a collage of the photographs to exhibit in the village hall and to put them on the website. Please submit to dunloptorchpictures@hotmail.co.uk.

Café News The usual Tuesday and Friday café has closed for the school holidays. However the Community Summer Café opens on **Friday, 6th July** for soup and sandwiches, teas / coffees and home-baking from 11am to 2pm and then **every Friday till 10th August**.

Please come along and have a look at the Dunlop Photo Exhibition when you visit the cafe during the summer.

Champagne We would like to thank all those who submitted completed questionnaires on the sorts of events and activities they would like to have in the village hall – and we are pleased to announce that the winner of the draw for the bottle of champagne is Mrs Sheila Kerr.

A Great Day Out!

This year's Dunlop's Gala Day was yet another great success! The weather was kind to us once the wind dropped!

Everyone who entered the Fancy Dress competition had original and imaginative ideas, many themed to fit in with the Jubilee or Olympics. Grateful thanks go to David and Jean Donaldson who had the difficult job of judging all the entries.

Our 2012 Royal Party, Amy, Euan, Miriam and Angus, were a credit to us and thoroughly enjoyed their journey by horse and carriage in the parade.

From Dog Show, rides galore, Olympic races for the children, chainsaw sculptures, animal petting zoo, owl magic, face painting, to the fantastic Clanadonia band, vintage buses, tractors, all types of stalls, Tug of Wars, there was something for all ages.

A big thank you to all who contributed to make the day such a huge a success.

Photographs can be viewed and bought on our photographer's website

www.iemphotography.co.uk Visit Clients area. Password dun12

If anyone has any ideas for next year's Festival and Gala or would like to take part please call Diane 01560 483612

Gala Day Winners

Raffle

1st Tresor Paris Bracelet Lorraine Morrison
2nd Chainsaw Sculpture Lee-Ann Dalziel
3rd Dinner for Two Jeanette Roulston

Fancy Dress 1st Prize Winners

Babies and Buggies Dillon and Harvey Young
Isla Dunlop

Toddlers Kieron Paxton

Nursery Katie Lindsay

Primary 1 Reece Denholm

Primary 3 Gabbi Lesang

Primary 4-7 Holly Gallacher

Over 13's June Paxton

Pairs Joe and Sam Murray

Liam and Robbie McNair

Groups The Paton Families

Dog Show Winners

Fancy Dress Eloise Vose and Spud

Best Groomed Dog Fiona Wardrop and Aero

Dog with Waggiest Tail Hamish Ferguson and Millie

Best in Show Alfie Kelly and Harvey

Home Craft Trophy Winners

Senior Trophy Lyndsey Phillips

Juniors

6 and under Eloise Justics- Vose

7-11 years Jamie Owen

12-15 years Katie Brown

Junior Trophy Katie Brown

Scarecrow Winners

Best Adult - 'Lizzie and Phil' - Barrie Cram

Best Child - 'Queen of Hearts' - The McNair Family

Children's Category Joint Second - 'Cowboy Buffalo Gill' - Miriam Gill

Children's Category Joint Second - 'Children Walking the Parade' - Benn and Sophie Fowler

Children's Category Commended - 'A Long Rain' - Breagh Dalziel

A Story to Ponder

Once up a time there was a family of mice who lived all their lives inside a large piano. To them, in their piano world, came the music of the instrument, filling all the dark spaces with sound and harmony.

At first the mice were impressed by it. They drew comfort and wonder from the thought that there was Someone who made the music—though invisible to them—above, yet close to them. They loved to think of the Great Player whom they could not see.

Then one day, a daring mouse climbed up part of the piano and returned very thoughtful. He had found out how the music was made. Wires were the secret: tightly stretched wires of graduated lengths which trembled and vibrated. The mice must now revise all their old beliefs: none but the most conservative could any longer believe in the Unseen Player.

Later, another explorer carried the explanation further. Hammers were now the secret: numbers of hammers, dancing and leaping on the wires. This was a more complicated theory, but it all went to show that they lived in a purely mechanical and mathematical world.

The Unseen Player came to be thought of as a myth.

But the pianist continued to play

A little boy wanted £100 badly and prayed for one week but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting £100. When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to God UK, they decided to send it to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister was so impressed, touched and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a £5 note. He thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy. The boy was delighted with the £5 and sat down to write a thank you note to God, which read:

Dear God,

Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through 10 Downing Street and, and, as usual, they took most of it.

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